

Kent- 374
Union M.E. Church
Coleman's Corner Rd.
Near Stillpond
Coleman's Corner, MD

1876, 1878

This small white weatherboard church stands 15' from the east side of Coleman's Corner Road. It is one of the oldest black Methodist churches in northeast Kent County. It was founded in 1878. This church was formed by ex-slaves and freedmen shortly after the Civil War. Methodism has always had a strong hold on this region of Maryland. Bishop Frances Asbury visited this area in 1773. Union M.E. Church is the black split from the Still Pond M.E. Church.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Union M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Coleman's Corner Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Coleman's Corner

VICINITY OF Worton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rev. Cordella Brown

Telephone #: 348-5832

STREET & NUMBER

R1, Box 111

CITY, TOWN

Worton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21678**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent Co. Court House

Liber #: SB 2

Folio #: 270

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1878

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small white weatherboard church stands 15 from the east side of Coleman's Corner Rd. it faces west. The simple gable-ended building (east-west) measures 26' across the front and is 32' in depth. The building has been altered over the years. At present it has double 2panel wooden doors. There are 2 (4') lancet windows 2-over-2 colored-glass windows (blue) in the front facade at either side of the door. There are 3 (5') lancet windows 2-over-2 colored-glass windows (blue) on the north side of the building and 3 identical windows on the south side of the building. The Church has a composite shingle roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Union M.E. Church is one of the oldest black methodist churches in northeastern Kent County. This church was formed by freedmen and ex-slaves shortly after the Civil War. Methodism has always had a strong hold on the people in this region of Maryland. Bishop Francis Asbury visited this area in 1773 and the Methodist Churches in Galena and Still Pond date from this era. Union M.E. Church is the black split from the white dominated Still Pond Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland Hall of Records, Microfilm (M 732)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

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CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland

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Union Methodist Episcopal Church
Still Pond Neck Road
Coleman's Corner
Betterton Quad.
Kent County





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